AN ACT concerning Community Inclusiveness

For the purpose of amending certain Sections in Subtitle 2, Division 46 of the Prince George's County Code to expand the prohibition on notifying immigration officials prior to a person's release from custody, adding a provision that requires County agencies to report violations of this Division, requiring referral of any violation of this Division to their appointing authority for discipline, and comply with federal law.

BY repealing and reenacting with amendments to:

SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION
Sections 2-524, 2-526, and 2-527,
Prince George's County Code of Maryland.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Sections 2-524, 2-526 and 2-527 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same are hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

SUBTITLE 2. ADMINISTRATION.
DIVISION 46. COMMUNITY INCLUSIVENESS.

Sec. 2-524 Civil immigration enforcement.

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(d) Coordination with immigration enforcement officials. No agent or agency may coordinate with an immigration enforcement official in furtherance of a civil immigration enforcement
operation, including by:

   (1) permitting immigration enforcement officials access to non-public space within a
       government facility or any area where County business is being conducted;

   (2) permitting immigration enforcement officials access to a person being detained by, or
       in the custody of, the agent or agency;

   (3) permitting immigration enforcement officials use of agency facilities, information, or
       equipment for investigative interviews or other investigative purposes; or

   (4) communicating any information about an individual who is the target of a civil
       immigration enforcement operation with immigration enforcement officials.

   (5) notify immigration enforcement officials that an individual has been or is ready to be
       released from custody, unless the individual has been convicted of a violent crime under
       Maryland law.

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Sec. 2-526 Exchanging file information.

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   (c) Agencies shall report to the County Council and County Executive every six (6)
   months the number of requests received from immigration enforcement officials and the manner
   in which each request was handled and whether any County agent, officer, employee or official
   violated any Section of this Division. Agencies shall respond to any request for information for
   matters covered under this Division by the Council or the County Executive within [twenty-four
   (24) hours] seven (7) days.

Sec. 2-527 Compliance with Division and federal law.

   No provision in this Division [shall be interpreted as preventing a law enforcement agent
   from sending to or receiving from any local, state, or Federal agency information regarding the
   citizenship or immigration status of an individual pursuant to] applies if it prohibits a County
   agency, officer, employee, or official from complying with a federal law or regulation, to
   include, Sections 1373 and 1644 of Title 8 of the United States Code, state law or regulation,
   court order, extradition agreement or any other agreement that allows a County agency to accept
   custody of an individual pursuant to a criminal warrant. Any intentional violation of a Section in
   this Division by a County public safety agent, officer, employee or official shall be referred to
   their appointing authority for appropriate discipline.
SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 14th day of July, 2020.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: ______________________________

Todd M. Turner
Council Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: ___________________________  BY: ______________________________

Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive

KEY:
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.
Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.